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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM

ARGENTINA, AUSTRIAA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRANCE, GREECE, ITALY,
JAPAN, KENYA, PAKISTAN, AND UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND: DRAFT RESOLUTION

REVIEW OF THE MACHINERY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF ITS SYSTEM
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CONTROL, INVESTIGATION AND
CO-ORDINATION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING THAT, UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2924 B(XXVII)

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OF 24 NOVEMBER 1972, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE JOINT

INSPECTION UNIT ARE TO BE REVIEWED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S
THIRTY-FIRST SESSION,

BEARING IN MIND THE RELEVANT COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
(SEE FOOTNOTE 1) AND OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

(SEE FOOTNOTE 2),

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3199 (XXVIII) OF 18
DECEMBER 1973 AND 3392 (XXX) OF 20 NOVEMBER 1975 CONCERNING
REVIEW OF THE MACHINERY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT ORGANS
CONCERNED WITH FORMULATING, REVIEWING AND APPROVING PROGRAMMES
AND BUDGETS,

BEARING IN MIND THE PART OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME AND BUDGET MACHINERY DEALING WITH
PROBLEMS OF EVALUATION (SEE FOOTNOTE 3) AND THE RELEVANT
COMMENTS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY
QUESTIONS (SEE FOOTNOTE 4),

RECALLING THE CONCLUSION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE STRUCTURE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM THAT AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF PROGRAMME
BUDGETING IS EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
AND APPRAISAL OF THE PROGRAMME ACCOMPLISHMENTS (SEE FOOTNOTE 5),

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES
WHICH HAVE RECENTLY ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO QUESTIONS OF ADMINIS-
TRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CONTROL, INVESTIGATION AND CO-ORDINATION
(SEE FOOTNOTE 6),

TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION, AS RECAST IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2008 (LX) OF 14 MAY 1976 WHICH REQUIRE THE
COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION TO CONSIDER AND DEVELOP
EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND THEIR USE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROGRAMME
DESIGN,

BEARING IN MIND THE RELEVANT DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE
FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION (SEE
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EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-
ORDINATION, WITH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JOINT INSPECTION
UNIT, CAN ADEQUATELY PERFORM THE NEEDED TASK OF EXTERNAL
EVALUATION,

A. CONTINUATION AND MANDATE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

(A) TO MAINTAIN IN OPERATION WITH THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT,
WHICH HAS PLAYED A USEFUL ROLE FROM ITS INCEPTION;

(B) TO ESTABLISH THE MANDATE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT,
STRESSING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNIT AND THE FACT THAT IT IS
INSTITUTED ESSENTIALLY TO ASSIST INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN
ASSESSING THE EXECUTION OF PROGRAMMES AND IN DEFINING SUCH REFORMS
AS THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY;

(C) TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE PROPOSALS ON ITS MANDATE MADE BY
THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT IN THE ANNEX TO ITS REPORT (SEE FOOTNOTE
8) (POINTS 1 TO 27) WHICH RELATE INTER ALIA TO:

THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE OTHER PAR-
TICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS;

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY;

THE INSPECTORS' POWERS TO INVESTIGATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS;

THE INSPECTORS' INDEPENDENCE;

THE CONDITIONS FOR PREPARATION OF THE JNIT'S WORK PROGRAMME;

THE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INSPECTORS;

THE TYPES OF REPORTS PREPARED BY THE UNIT AND THE CONDITIONS FOR
APPLICATION OF APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS;

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B. EVALUATION

1. TAKES NOTE OF VARIOUS STUDIES AND EXERCISES IN EVALUATION
MADE WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT (SEE FOOTNOTE 9),

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO DEVELOP EXPERIMENTAL
MODIFICATIONS IN THE EXISTING PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES OF
THE SECRETARIAT, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE INTERNAL
EVALUATION, AND TO SUBMIT THEM, TOGETHER WITH EXPERIMENTAL
PROGRAMME EVALUATION REPORTS, TO THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME
AND CO-ORDINATION AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION, THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION A REPORT, TOGETHER WITH COMMENTS THEREON BY THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT, DESCRIBING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT WHICH WOULD ENABLE IT TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EXTERNAL EVALUATION;

4. RECOMMENDS THAT AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, THE RELEVANT DISCUSSION AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDER DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE METHODS OF EXTERNAL EVALUATION;

5. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITATIVE INTERNAL EVALUATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AS EXECUTING AGENCIES AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN ADMINISTERING OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC

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AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ASSESS THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SYSTEM.

FOOTNOTES:

1: A/31/75/ADD.1 AND CORR.1

2: A/31/89

3: A/10117, PARAS. 66 TO 74

4: A/10499, PARA. 2

5: E/AC.62/9, PARA. 131

6: A/31/75/ADD.2

7: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, SUPPLEMENT NO. 38 (A/31/38), CHAPTER VI

8: A/31/39

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